

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman); Morgan; Bott; Ross-Russell; Carr; Stewart; Bowen (SBC) Whiting (SBC) Lehmann (KCC) & M Mulley (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.35

1. Chairman's Introduction Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

2. Apologies for absence Cllr Langdon-Bassett

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 31st January 2022

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed TC Seconded LM

5. Matters arising from minutes on Monday 31st January 2022 None

6. Time for members of the public to address the council None

7. Update from Borough Councillors

SBC were having issues with their IT systems causing online meetings to be very unreliable. Platinum Jubilee grants of up to £1000 were available from SBC, and KCC will waive the charges for road closures over the 4-day period.

Cllrs Whiting & Lehmann joined meeting

A discussion took place regarding the Lynsted Lane planning site meeting on 01/03/22 **See item 11f below**

8. Update from County Councillor

Cllr Lehmann informed members that Maidstone traffic scheme officer had agreed to carry out a TRO on the roads running from Lenham to the A2 through Lynsted, Doddington & Wychling however it would cost in the region of £3000 for the TRO and possibly another £20,000 for the signage should the TRO be successful. For the TRO RL offered to fund £1,500 and LB & MW agreed to fund £250 each, the shortfall of £1,000 would have to be funded by the 3 PC's affected (LKPC, Doddington & Wychling) All present agreed to the cost (approx. £350) provided it came out of 2022/23 budget. Once the TRO was in place there would be a maximum period of 2 years for the signage to be erected. It was decided that a public survey should be carried out via social media to ascertain if the parishioners actually want a weight restriction limit on their rural roads, to stop them being used as a rat run by large vehicles. **Agenda item next meeting**

RL updated members about the proposed KCC bus route cutbacks. He advised a flier would be prepared. It was agreed to deliver this to all households in Lynsted. **See also item 12j below**

Cllrs Bowen; Whiting & Lehmann left meeting

9. a) Receipts None

b) Payments

£63.59 Chairman's expenses
£928.61 EDF
£102.67 EDF
£192.00 Whitstable Designs
£736.08 Clerks Wages – Feb 22

c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman

d) Rural Kent Membership

All present agreed to renew the membership at a cost of £60.00 Proposed VRR Seconded JB

e) EDF Costs

The energy costs from the streetlights had doubled in price in 2 months and were expected to stay high. Several options were discussed on how to reduce the energy bill. One option was to change all the streetlights to LED lights however this would cost in the region of £13,325 + Vat. The Clerk had contacted Utility Aid Ltd, an organisation that specialises in looking for the cheapest supplier and they were exploring other suppliers for LKPC. **Action point** Clerk to ascertain if it would be possible to have alternate lights turned off. **Agenda item next meeting**

f) Defibrillator

The Defibrillator outside the school had been stolen 2 months after it was installed. The only other defibrillator in the parish is located outside the vet on London Road. The Clerk had found a funding source for a replacement, but the funding criteria stated it could not be positioned in a school and had to be positioned in a public area. The Church was suggested as a good position. The Clerk had emailed Lynsted Church benefice with the details and asked if they would be prepared to host the Defibrillator and apply for a grant. **Agenda item next meeting**

g) Avast Antivirus protection

The Antivirus protection was up for renewal at end of March, the renewal cost for basic cover was free, for premium cover was £59.99 for 1 year, there was a special offer on for 2 year Ultimate cover at £118.99 (Normally £75.99 per year). After discussion it was agreed that JS had a license for 10 computers and had a spare one he would donate to LKPC. **Action point** Clerk to cancel the Avast renewal due on 01/04/22. JS to install antivirus on LKPC laptop

10. Swale Borough Council Local Plan

The Transport analysis had finally been undertaken, which modelled a bypass crossing Lynsted Lane and Cellar Hill. The draft new Reg 19 document was not expected until April at the earliest.

11. Applications published on Planning Public Access at pa.midkent.gov.uk

a) 22/500009/FULL Robin House. **Application approved by SBC**

b) 21/506712/OUT 198 London Road **Application declined by SBC**

c) 22/500297/TPOA 1 The Vallance **In light of further information JS to write to SBC planning Dept. withdrawing suggestion to defer felling 2 of 4 trees**

d) **New applications published after issue of agenda 22/500421/full Creation of first floor extension, alterations to rear pitched roofs, external alterations and insertion of 1no Juliet balcony to side.**
Drifters Lodge, Cellar Hill. Private Street. Lynsted Kent ME9 9QY
No objections

e) **Previous applications**
Housing development of Lynsted Lane (86 Houses) - update
This application was not on the planning committee's next agenda. JS to monitor the situation

f) **Housing development off Lynsted Lane (10-50 houses) – update**
The application had gone to the planning committee on 10/02/22. The Chairman had spoken on behalf of LKPC. Decision had been deferred until after a site meeting on 01/03/22. Then the final decision would be made at the planning meeting on Thursday 10/03/22 at 7pm in Swale House

12a APM/PCSO attendance

The Clerk had invited the new PCSO to give a talk at our APM on 25/04/22, unfortunately she is away on holiday on this date. AS offered to give a short presentation, with slides on Water. It was decided it would be a good opportunity to invite as many parishioners as possible and talk face to face about local issues such as Street lighting; bus routes; road closures; Platinum Jubilee. To be promoted via social media & a leaflet drop **Agenda item next meeting**

12b Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Lynsted/Doddington PC

A meeting had been arranged for Wed 02/03/22 between LKPC/KCC/Cllr Lehmann. Cllrs Speed; Morgan & Langdon-Bassett were representing LKPC and would report back at next meeting. See above item 8 for more details. **Agenda item next meeting**

12c Village gates at Kingsdown Still awaiting installation

12d Village signpost The signpost has now been installed and the insurance reclaim has been received. In total it had cost £5206 to replace the signpost & planter, and £4998 had been reclaimed from the insurance company. Members felt that the Oak post holding the village sign was a little larger than they anticipated and looked out of place. It was decided to see how it looked in a few months' time once it had weathered down.

12e Footpath map – St Peters Place

LM had managed to get the original map updated and was waiting for it to be reproduced on laminated card. **Agenda item next meeting**

12f Drainage in Lynsted – Update

Southern Water had agreed the pumping station needed upgrading, however there was no money in the budget to carry out the work.

12g ZR268 Footpath. Defer to next meeting

12h Queen's Platinum Jubilee/Platinum Jubilee Tree

The next meeting will be at 6.30pm at The Black Lion on 9th March 2022.

A full programme is scheduled for Thursday through to Sunday. The Lynsted Society had offered to source & fund a Platinum Jubilee Tree if a site could be located. The graveyard extension and the green at the entrance to The Vallance were discussed as a possible location. A note of thanks was recorded to the Lynsted Society for their generosity in donating the tree .**Action point** JS to convey the suggested locations to the Lynsted Society. The Clerk to contact Julia Kitt to ask about the graveyard extension location. **Agenda item next meeting**

12i SBC Local Council's Liaison Forum

JS had attended this meeting and was encouraged to learn that a new position of Communications Officer was proposed to help keep local PCs more informed and up to date

12j Bus Routes

Because of cutbacks in budget KCC were proposing to withdraw 48 bus route contracts meaning villages could lose a vital service. There was a consultation running from 24/02/22 to 20/04/22. Full details can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/bussavings **Action point** JS to circulate a letter of objection to the removal of these vital lifelines before submitting to KCC.

13. Correspondence

Adrian Berendt from the Parish to Town Cycling and Walking project was going to visit Lynsted on Weds 9th March at 1pm. LM & VRR agreed to meet him on the green opposite The Black Lion **Agenda item next meeting**

14. Consultations- See above item 12j

15 Complaints None

16. AOB

TC wanted to know if there was any decision on the proposed 5A junction on the M2. JS said it was dependent on the Highsted Park Development being approved or declined.

Clerk informed the members she had organised the internal audit for Monday 23rd May

17. Dates of next meetings

Mon 28th Mar 2022

Mon 25th April 2022-APM & Social Event

Mon 30th May 2022 – AGM

Mon 27th June 2022

Mon 25th July 2022

Mon 26th Sept 2022

Mon 31st Oct 2022

Mon 28th Nov 2022 Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 19th Dec 2022

Meeting closed at 21.45

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley